

Father's Day 2007  
The Greatest of the Names of God our Father  
Psalm 72:17, 19; 113:2

INTRO: We serve an Almighty, Sovereign God and His name truly is wonderful! We are to lift up His name; we are to praise His name; we are to worship in His name. Believers will forever exalt His name. Daniel 2:20 says: "...Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his."

To know the names of God and the God of His name will give you what you need for life's battles. When all around us crumbles, we can run to the name of the Lord and be safe. "The name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe." Think of that! Running to the name of God, running to that name that is a strong tower. Running to our God, in whose name we trust, will mean the difference between:

Victory and defeat spiritually I Cor 15:57, "But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Peace and conflict spiritually Isa 26:3, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee, because he trusteth in thee."

Empty living and abundant mercy I Peter 1:3, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."

Being free and being captive Psalm 40:2, "He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay and set my feet upon a rock and established my goings."

When we really know our God and the power of His name, we will turn to Him in the time of need. In our study today, we want to look at two of the sixteen names of God that show us that He is all sufficient!

I. ELOHIM– THE CREATOR

A. The God who created the universe is able to take care of you.

B. The first time we have God mentioned in the Bible is fittingly Genesis 1:1, "In the beginning God....."

1. The Hebrew name for God is Gen 1:1 is *Elohim*. This is the name for God the creator.

- a. *El* means “mighty, strong.”
  - b. *Ohim*, the ending of *Elohim* is in the plural and indicates more than one. “In the beginning [God, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost] created the heavens and the earth.” In this, I am reminded of the hymn “Holy, Holy, Holy.”  
 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!  
 Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
 Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty!  
 God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
  - c. The Trinity who are one in essence and in character, yet three persons created the heavens and the earth (Deut 6:4). Note these scriptures reference to the work of the Trinity in creation (Gen 1:1-2, Heb 11:3; Col 1:16).
- C. Each person of the blessed Trinity had a part in creation and each had a part in the forming of the first man Adam from the dust of the earth (Gen 1:26, “And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.....” “Our” refers to more than one; it refers to the Trinity.
- 1. God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit were involved in your creation:
    - a. God is your creator.
    - b. You exist because of God.
    - c. Psalm 139:13-17 tells me that I am God’s handiwork, the work of Elohim.
  - 2. The Creator of the entire universe is your creator. He hung the moon; He put the stars in their sockets and made the sun to shine, and He made you!
    - a. You are special to God. He knows your every weakness, yet He cares for you.
    - b. Many things trouble folks today: self-acceptance, family, finance, and faults.
    - c. When you are troubled, run to God, run to Elohim, your creator.
- D. Many struggle with the why’s of life. Why was I born? What is my purpose?
- 1. Just as God had a purpose for Jeremiah (Jere 1:5), He has a purpose for you.
  - 2. Our purpose for living is to bring glory to God! The Baptist

Catechism asks: "What is the chief end of man?" The answer given is, "Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy Him for ever."

3. To glorify God, we must realize that "Salvation is of the Lord" and our being born again is according to His riches in grace and mercy (Eph 1:3-12). You cannot give God the glory if you think you must do something to be saved (Eph 2:8-9).
4. Revelation 4:11 tells us that we are created to bring pleasure to God. We are to give Him honor and glory.
  - a. When you are doing His will, you bring Him pleasure.
  - b. When you know God as Elohim, your creator, you know why you are here.

## II. EL ELYON- GOD MOST HIGH

- A. This name means that God is in control. It means that Romans 8:28 is still in the book; it means I can face my part and future because He is on the throne.
- B. *El Elyon* is the God of victory. With 318 men, Abram, by the power of *El Elyon*, defeated four kings, released the captives, and got his plundered goods back.
  1. We read about what the Most High God did for Abram in Genesis 14:17-20. The words of verse 20 drive home the message here: "And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thine hand....."
  2. Dear child of the Most High God, be assured that He will give you victory in trial and storms. He will give you power to face the giants that come up against you.
- C. Rest assured that *El Elyon* is on His throne and controls it all. If God were not in control, we would be in trouble. He is in control (Isa 14:24, 27; 46:9-11).
  1. Not all things are good, but all things work together for good to God's children.
  2. It is God's will that we give thanks in everything for He has a purpose in it all (I Thes 5:18).
- D. Even if you have been mistreated and wronged, *El Elyon*, the Most High God, is working out His purpose in you, just as He did in Joseph's life. Joseph could have become bitter and cynical; instead, He fully trusted God, seeing God's Sovereign purpose in it all (Gen 45:5, 7-8; 50:20).

CONCLUSION: God created you; He has a purpose for you; and He will sustain you through all the trials of life.

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